

MORNING TRAMP OVER ONE OF THE SECTIONS OF MANHATTAN CAMP

(By Wm. McClure Gotwald.)

As dawn Main street of Manhattan is but a brief step—but watch your step, for you may stumble over a sleeping canine or tear the heel from your boot by stepping unwarily on the rough plank sidewalk, some of which are sadly in need of repair. View the town by day and you will find many idle men whittling at the benches in front of the saloons. You may think that they belong to the army of the unemployed, but it is not the case. They are "off shift." Some work while others slumber. Some idle away the time between the duties of the other two.

For this is a three-shift camp. Some talk of their morning "bit," others tell of their evening "tag," while the remainder descend on the beatitudes of the "graveyard," with a mental reservation.

But it isn't downtown where one should view Manhattan if he desires to acquaint himself with the real facts regarding the district. No matter in which direction he may go he will hear the humming of shovels and see the mounds of rock that are growing day by day as the human ants toil in the underworld.

But let us climb Litchfield hill this morning, for there is where the greatest activity may be witnessed at present. At the Red Top there is a steady flow of water issuing, indicative of arrival at the sulphide zone, in which the permanent mineralization occurs. Superintendent Franklin has contended with many difficulties, chief of which has been delay in receiving machinery, but his plant is now complete and well housed for the winter. The equipment will permit great depth to be attained.

The Hoosier, which until recently was the deepest bore in the camp, has been financially rehabilitated by Indianapolis interests and work has been resumed. The shaft has been retimbered and both sinking and crosscutting will be carried on.

There are evidences that activities are about to begin on the Portland group, a deal for which is pending to New York capitalists. The recent surface work was for the purpose of thoroughly sampling the outcrops, while samples were also taken underground. This group is owned by Mrs. M. M. Davis and J. W. Stewart. Frank Horton, who is now in the East, is negotiating the deal.

The Uno is also being surface prospected. Work on this group will start about November 20. It

will be under the direction of Captain C. E. Mayne. The treasury has been enriched to the extent of \$30,000.

One of the most picturesque settings for a mine that could possibly exist is that of the Zanzibar and White Caps Extension, which are sinking a joint shaft on their common boundary line. The shaft is situated in a heavily timbered spot almost at the summit of the Toquima range, some 8,400 feet in air, with a view in all directions that is majestic. From the galleys, frame floats Old Glory, probably the highest flag that waves in Nevada. The shaft is three compartments, the largest in the district, and is as straight as a plumb line. Superintendent Hang feels elated over the fact that the bore has passed through the shale and entered the Morning Glory line. The buildings completed and under construction ensure comfort for the men when the north wind blows and the snow descends.

There is a garlic odor on the air and the source is seen under the crest of the hill, where white vapor issues from the stack of the White Caps mill. This plant is treating 150 tons of ore daily and its capacity is not yet nearly attained. A tenderfoot is easily deceived by the ore that is only being broken to mill capacity, although the reserves are said to be better than \$4,000,000. The visitor will make a grab for a beautiful chunk, redder—if anything—may be said to be redder—than cinabar. He thinks he has done some clever highgrading, but the top man smiles and says: "Young man, that stuff is all right for a cabinet, but it's below our mill grade. It's realgar, a sulphide of arsenic, and it don't run over about \$8 to the ton."

The visitor chooses another specimen. It is as yellow as gold itself and he is certain he has drawn a prize, but the experienced top man again deceives him by informing him that it is orpiment, a blood cousin to realgar and no more valuable. The young man looks disdainfully at the dirty gray-black stuff, resembling graphite, which constitutes the chief burden of the car. He does not know that it is stibnite, the sulphide of antimony, and that it runs anywhere from \$50 to \$150 to the ton.

It is but a step to the Morning Glory, where values were found on the surface in a number of places, and high values at that, but the

Stewart law is still in existence on the statute books of the United States and the property is closed by a sort of joint injunction which forbids the Glory from following its are into the Caps and enjoins the Caps from extracting ore from its west body, one of the five that have been developed in the property. Each company, however, is free to work on any but the orebody in dispute and the law's delay will be answerable for the time of resumption.

Next we come to a group of fractions, which in their aggregate constitute a considerable acreage. They are known as the Consolidated Annex and are in very good society, rubbing elbows with the principal properties on the hill. M. B. Aston, George Kernick and associates have ordered a plant of machinery and will shortly start extensive operations.

Union Amalgamated is now under the direction of L. L. Mushett, a pioneer of the district and an associate of Charles Wittenberg, holder of the largest block of stock in the company. This property has made great strides of late. Under the recent superintendency of Sam C. Durkee the Bath shift was lowered from the 500 to the 600 level and crosscutting opened a body of commercial ore 25 feet in width. The ore showings in other portions of the property are so extensive that the mill down the gulch is being dismantled and will be moved to the ground so that the cost of hauling will be eliminated. Mr. Mushett is also driving a vertical shaft of two compartments in order to facilitate the extraction of the ore. Whitman Symmes, a Virginia City mine operator, has optioned what is said to be a controlling interest in the company and has made two payments. Mr. Symmes is a man who spares no money for equipment or operating costs, provided the outlook justifies him in the investment.

And now we come to the Manhattan Consolidated, and it is like the wife of Cana, for recent developments have brought to it the spotlight. Superintendent Page has nothing to conceal in the property and it is not difficult to secure admission to the mine. It is on the fourth level that the "big thing" has occurred. Here a crosscut 175 feet southeasterly from the shaft has entered a huge ore lens, running easterly and westerly. Before entering it the heading was driven through the famous mud dyke, one of the biggest faults in the district. This dyke is not really mud, but is a sort of talc, created by the grinding of the walls of the fracture, and is composed of lime and shale. It is only ten feet wide on the 400. It grows wider toward the surface and there are indications that it will be lost in another hundred feet of depth, thus permitting the orebody to trend toward the west, where for 900 feet it will remain in the Consolidated estate and then enter the Amalgamated ground.

The vein was entered from the hanging wall and at the time of inspection, Thursday, it had penetrated a distance of 21 feet without any indication of approach of the hanging wall. Some lens this, with the values estimated at around \$50 to the ton. Some day we will visit other sections of the district.

PLENTY OF FOOD FOR IRELAND.

(By Associated Press.)

DUBLIN, Nov. 9.—According to the department of agriculture, the Irish harvest is now all safe and has proved very good. Potatoes have been a splendid crop and oats, wheat and barley show good results. Nearly three-quarters of a million additional acres were brought under tillage during the year. There was no shortage of labor anywhere and Ireland will have plenty of food for herself and for export.

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WAR TIME DIFFICULTIES CONFRONT MAGNATES OF THE BIG LEAGUES

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Baseball magnates, players and followers of the game in general are almost unanimous in expression of the opinion that the coming winter months will witness important changes in the methods of arrangements governing the professional end of the national sport. It appears certain that put to the mass of suggested and proposed changes radical developments will occur relative to the conduct of the business end of the game during the duration of the war at least.

Both major and minor league magnates will discuss and consider numerous suggestions looking toward improvements of conditions existing at the present time during the coming annual meetings. While no hasty action will be taken it is considered likely that several innovations both in combination and conduct of the sport will be adopted before the season of 1918 is reached. Owing to the difference of opinion on these points among the various clubs and a reduction of the present proposals which may eventually be enacted in baseball law, but there has been no dearth of these, both from official and unofficial sources.

Among the plans advanced are the following: Shorter season and schedule in the major leagues, coupled with a suggestion to start the world series several weeks earlier than has been the case in recent years; curtailment of the number of players now permitted to each club on a reduction of the present salaries; the shifting of one or more club franchises to new and more profitable fields of patronage; the elimination of long and expensive southern training trips; re-arrangement of schedules with the idea of reducing the large annual transportation bills; readjustment of combination of minor league circuits in order to provide more attractive and lucrative play.

It is exceedingly doubtful if all of these suggestions are adopted, but it is equally certain that some will find their way into the codes or agreements of the leagues since those in charge realize that baseball, like all other sports, is confronted by conditions which are far from normal. An example of these conditions can be cited in the draft problem which confronts the magnates. A number of major and minor league players will probably be lost to the game in this manner before the spring practice begins and their places must be filled. It is expected that the big league clubs will draw upon the minors for wartime substitutes. If this is done both the quality and quantity of play may decrease on certain circuits. Viewed from any angle, the position of the baseball magnate cannot be compared to the proverbial bed of roses at this time.

To Revive Football Classic.

The proposal to stage a football game between eleven of the Universities of Chicago and Michigan for the benefit of the Red Cross may result in the revival of one of the most important of the middle western gridiron classics. These two institutions first met in football in 1892 and since that date have played fourteen games, of which Michigan has won nine and Chicago five. The Wolverines lead in points, with a total of 199 to Chicago's 102. Michigan has held the Maroon eleven scoreless four times, while Chicago shut out the Ann Arbor university but once, and this was in

the famous and final game between these universities, played in 1902, when Chicago forced Michigan to make a safety, the only score of the contest. Michigan's greatest string of victories was won between 1901 and 1904, when the Yost warriors took four games in a row by scores of 22 to 0, 21 to 0, 28 to 0 and 22 to 12.

Running Record.

The Swedish Amateur Athletic association has officially accepted John Zander's new world's record of 3:54.7 for the 1,500-meter run. The old record of 3:55.8 was made by the American runner, Kiviat, in the preliminaries of the Stockholm Olympic games in 1912. Zander's splendid performance is the more remarkable from the fact that he ran the entire distance alone.

MATERIAL FOR POWER LINE.

A caravan of heavily laden wagons left the Wittenberg warehouse this morning with poles, insulators and other equipment for the power line that is to be extended from Round Mountain to Jefferson canyon, a distance of fourteen miles, to supply the Silvermines corporation, which has taken over the Kanabohat mine. A rock crusher was also sent out to the mine today.

FIND AT SILVER BOW.

J. F. Schultz has arrived from Silver Bow with some interesting specimens of ore from the old Cliff ford property, which is under bond to Messrs. Stenson and Lynch. The ledge is seven feet wide and assays up to \$98 a ton, with a considerable portion averaging \$40. This strike adjoins the Catlin ground. Mr. Schultz has a group of extension claims carrying the formation.

TO VOTE ON CONSCRIPTION.

(By Associated Press.)

MELBOURNE, Nov. 8.—The Australian government has decided to hold another referendum on the question of conscription.

A referendum on conscription was held in Australia last year. The final vote showed that 1,085,000 ballots were cast in favor of conscription and 1,146,000 against it.

HUGE COTTON PRODUCTION.

(By Associated Press.)

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SEVENTEEN ENROLL AT MINING SCHOOL

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NAVY WORKERS STRIKE.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, Nov. 8.—One thousand mechanics employed on government construction at the navy yard in this city, the marine hospital in Chelsea and the Watertown arsenal, went on strike yesterday. Leaders said their action was a "protest against open shop conditions." Guards of soldiers and sailors have been placed about the buildings on which the work was suspended.

WAR WASTE IN FRANCE.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Nov. 9.—More than 50,000 buildings had been demolished in France and more than 100,000 more or less damaged by bombardments and incendiary fires during the war, according to statistics completed up to the end of May. Sixty-three buildings classed as historical monuments had been destroyed. The total number of communes that had suffered from the invasion was 1,223.

FIRST TO GET WAR PENSION.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Mrs. Alice Dodd of Evansville, Ind., will be the first dependent of an American soldier killed in trench warfare to receive compensation under the government system. She will receive at least \$45 monthly. She is the widowed mother of Private Gresham, killed in the German raid of November 3.

SEIZE STEAMSHIP OFFICES.

(By Associated Press.)

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